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Editorial.

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and their receipt follo  
p. p. Please preserve  
reference.

about Southern Baptist Convention.

use in my possession a lot of  
minutes. It costs four  
cents to mail them. Any one  
desiring to copy and sending the  
proper stamps, will receive a  
complete mail them at my  
expense.

J. B. GAMBRELL.

ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

have employed a competent  
man to take charge of the PAP-  
ers, John J. Office, and he will  
prepare the Association Minutes neatly  
and promptly. Clerks will please  
submit their minutes before letting  
the work. These favoring  
the work with their work will  
be helping their paper.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There is better law, because  
it is better, with Christ.

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to the drinking places. And this  
is the negative aspect of the  
evil. There is a positive side in  
the results of the drinking habit  
harsh, perhaps, to depict.

That is not an extreme case  
who can help a people who sink  
their living in maddening drink?

Please note in our "business  
announcements" at head of first  
column of this page what we say  
concerning obituaries. We are per-  
fectly willing to insert such articles  
regarding subscribers or members  
of their families free to the extent  
of one hundred words. We think  
this enough to ask of us. For  
more than that number of  
words we shall expect cash. It  
will pay you to read all the "business  
announcements," and it will  
save us very much trouble. —Ala  
Baptist.

Obituaries give us more trouble  
than any other one thing. We do  
not wish to charge, and yet if we  
do not they will take a large part  
of our space.

We have been informed that the  
Crown Manufacturing Co. of Cin-  
cinnati, Dr. Scott, 812 Broadway,  
N. Y., and Standard Silver Ware  
Co., Boston, which were advertis-  
ing in THE RECORD have been pub-  
lished as FRAUDS in Agents' Herald  
and in justification of our self we  
wish to state that those advertise-  
ments were furnished us by Ed  
win, Alden & Bro., advertising  
agents, of Cincinnati, and those  
gentlemen guaranteed us honest  
advertisement in their contract with  
us. We will not knowingly ad-  
vertise any bogus business, or  
make this paper a help to frauds  
in gulling the public. We give our  
editorial department to such ad-  
vertisers only as we have tested by  
our own patrons. Beyond this  
we cannot go in the way of caution.  
One truth will ground into the  
mind would save people much  
loss of money. It is this: really  
useful, valuable articles cost money  
and all advertisements promising  
something for nothing are bait!

After writing many kind words  
to about THE RECORD and the  
work it is doing in Louisiana,  
Brother Reese has this to say about  
the progress and prospects of Mt.  
Lebanon College:

When I took charge of the Col-  
lege here in September last, I  
found that the death of Brother  
Carter had cast a gloom over the  
school interests, and everything  
was shrouded in uncertainty. But  
there were many important fea-  
tures which gave promise for the  
future. The location is healthy,  
accessible, and in the midst of the  
Baptist population of Louisiana.  
The community is intensely Ba-  
ptist. The school has ever been a  
Baptist school, and I am glad to  
say that the time had come to build  
up a first class denominational school  
in Louisiana, and so far as I could  
see, Mt. Lebanon offered superior  
claims for the location of such a  
school. It seemed to me that the  
hand of Providence was di-  
recting me to do this work.

Each way that I could not be  
mistaken. I commenced work with  
one teacher, besides myself one mu-  
sic teacher, and 57 pupils. I now  
have four teachers (besides myself)  
and over 100 pupils. Our pros-  
pects are as good as I could ask.  
I have just added to our Faculty,  
Rev. G. M. Harrell and Mrs. M. E.  
Paxton, of Keachi. My teach-  
ers, excepting the music teacher,  
are all devoted Baptists, and we are  
earnestly laboring for the Master.  
The old appetite asserted itself and  
our ultimate success.

Sister Nelson's address is 427  
Carondelet, New Orleans, La.  
Please take notice so that all de-  
siring to contribute to her work or  
to communicate with her may  
write where to address her. While  
we are on this subject permit us to  
suggest to the Ladies' Missionary  
Societies one way by which they  
may help Sister Nelson and our  
other Missionaries. It is this:  
write them a letter occasionally, a  
letter not requiring an answer,  
but filled with sympathy for them  
as bearers of burdens for Christ's  
sake. If we could know how often  
their hearts faint for lack of help  
man sympathy we should be only  
too glad to send to those thirty  
hearts words of sympathy and  
strength.

Our aged Brother Pearson of  
Haynesville, La., now in his 77th  
year in renewing for THE RECORD  
expresses his wish to read his paper  
as long as he can see to read it. We  
are not astonished to hear a Brother  
say that Brother Pearson is one  
of the best of men. Such men always  
will to know how Zion pre-  
sents.

I will most cheerfully assist you  
in getting renewals and forwarding to  
you. I always feel that I am engaged  
in a very noble and useful work  
in supporting sound religious news  
papers, especially in Louisiana, which  
our paper—W. S. Copeland,  
Haynesville, La.

LESSONS FROM HEZEKIAH'S LIFE.

Our lessons for last Sabbath and  
next Sabbath are full of instruc-  
tions, comfort and warning. In-  
struction in the example of the  
good king who "did that which  
was right in the sight of the Lord."  
Comfort in the picture it presents  
of the good king sick, shuddering  
at the shadow of death, praying  
with weak faith for longed-for  
life, and receiving healing, even  
through a *seagull's faith*; and warning  
in the fearful consequences that  
followed his vain display of his  
resources. It is written for our  
edification, and should teach us to  
value as a precious gift a weak,  
trembling faith, even while we

pray: "Lord increase our faith!" it  
should teach us to be patient, even  
as our Lord is with others of weak  
faith who stagger and falter in the  
Christian race on account of weak  
physical and spiritual conditions.  
Under the stress of life's exigen-  
cies, poor, sinful, fleshly nature as-  
serts itself and the spiritual nature  
for a time succumbs to the wound  
which threatens to become a fest-  
ering boil. Oh, for a wise, loving,  
tender-hearted Isaiah to bid some  
one to lay with touch of tender  
gentle fingers, a lamp of sweetness  
upon that sore and to strengthen  
that weak faith by signs of love and  
acceptance! Alas, alas, too many  
of us offer to our erring brethren  
poultices of horse-radish, moistened  
with the vinegar and gall of our  
own prejudices. May God give us  
grace to love each other even as  
Christ loved us.

Our lesson of warning comes to  
us in the fact of the king restored  
by the power of God. The king,  
who was a monument of Faith-  
cure, strutting in vain-glorious  
pride and exhibiting his resources  
to the eyes of the enemies of his  
kingdom. We wonder at Hezekiah  
for making such an exhibition of  
self so soon after receiving a signal  
favor from the Almighty; but do  
we not often-times commit the  
same grievous blunder? Alas, ev-  
ery honest-hearted Christian must  
stand convicted of this sin before  
the tribunal of his own conscience!

God graciously vouchsafes great  
blessings to us, honors our weak  
faith, hears our poor feeble, selfish  
petitions and instead of gratefully  
lying down in the dust of humility,  
we take a little credit to ourselves  
and forthwith start out to show the  
world our great strength. Some-  
times it's strength to resist tempta-  
tion we are trying to show off  
and in pursuance of that worthy (?)  
object we start out in search of  
temptation; the inevitable result is  
yielding to the temptation. Two  
examples may illustrate this point:

First, A young lady who had  
been devoted to dancing had re-  
ceived a blessing from the Lord,  
and she unwisely accepted an in-  
vitation to a party where there  
would likely be dancing. She told  
herself she was going to show her  
strength and her love for the  
Savior by publicly resisting the  
temptation to dance. She did not  
see that in going she stepped  
over one of the safe-guards that  
our Lord laid down for his disci-  
ples, "watch and pray that ye en-  
ter not into temptation," and like  
Peter of old, she, following after  
God, entered in to share the warmth  
and cheer of His enemies, yielded  
to the temptation and denied Him  
in the dance.

Second, A man addicted to drink  
had refrained from indulging his  
appetite until he felt sure of having  
complete mastery over himself  
and in order to show off that  
strength he went down to the sal-  
oon where his old comrades in in-  
iquity were wont to congregate.  
The old appetite asserted itself and  
his weakness was proclaimed by a  
protracted drunk.

Sometimes the sin comes in the  
showing off of real treasure that  
is actually in our possession, a  
treasure of which we are justly  
proud, but which, being bestowed  
on us by the blessing of God,  
ought never to have ministered to  
vanity.

Perhaps the temptation assails  
some minister of brilliant mind  
and good scholarship to show off  
the treasures of his intellect even  
to the obscuring of the precious  
gospel which makes wise unto sal-  
vation; but let all thus tempted  
know that unnecessary references  
to Greek cases and voices, Hebrew  
idioms and inflections are as the  
reisers of the Philistines potent  
in shattering sermons of spiritual  
strength. Oh, brethren, men of  
God, beware how you yield to the  
temptation of showing off.

Perhaps the temptation comes  
in the church music. God has given  
to some voices of marvelous  
strength and sweetness, also op-  
portunities for culture in order  
that they may lead in His praise,  
and instead of meekly consecrat-  
ing His service all these gifts  
from His hand, vanity uses them  
to show off musical experience.  
The Lord give grace to singers as  
well as players upon instrument to  
put spirit worship in their singing  
and playing. Think you not oh,  
reader, that a glance down the  
hundreds of years when the conse-  
quences of his folly in showing off  
appeared to Hezekiah in ten  
thousand captives and a rifled and  
ruined temple that his heart was  
pained and his soul sick within him?

Well, an equally important  
question comes to us to-day, "Will  
not the sin of our showing off be visit-  
ed on the generations to come after us?"  
Oh, if there could be such a  
thing as sorrow in heaven I think  
the dearest of sorrow would be the  
songs of the redeemed and sil-  
ence angelic harps on account of  
the captives chained by Satan  
through our showing off. The Lord  
strengthen and deliver His people  
from this temptation.

LOUISIANA NOTES.

Brother T. B. Harrell writes:  
"The work in my field is en-  
couraging. There seems to be a for-  
ward move. The churches are  
willing to work and are falling in-  
to line with the work of the Board.  
We expect to send up something  
for State Missions soon. Next  
Sunday we expect to take a collec-  
tion at Bellevue. By January 1  
hope to take collections in all the  
other churches. New Bethel  
church at Rocky Mount wants my  
services for half my time next  
year. I have agreed to give it to  
them and expect to move there  
about the first of January. I shall  
have to give up Bellevue in order  
to do this. I shall continue to  
supply Caney Creek and Red Riv-  
er churches as I have this year.  
All these churches have increased  
my salary for the next year. New  
Bethel church has a flourishing  
Sunday School, which was started  
in August. Caney Creek has a  
regular prayer-meeting, but no  
Sunday School, owing to the fact  
that her membership is too much  
scattered and too far away from  
the church house. But some of  
her memberships congregate with  
New Bethel in this work. Red  
River church has a regular weekly  
prayer meeting, started this year  
and would have a Sunday School  
but for the want of a house. They  
are going to build soon, and then  
they can organize one.

These three have had between  
twenty and thirty accessions dur-  
ing the year. New Bethel and Caney  
Creek have contributed liberally to mi-  
nisterial education this fall in aid-  
ing Brother R. M. Boone, now at  
Mississippi College.

I find that a great many times  
churches only need to be remind-  
ed of their duty. Hence I believe  
that this short coming of the  
churches is largely the fault of the  
pastors. While we would like to see  
Brothers Tomkins and hear him  
preach, we are going to make it  
unnecessary for him to visit us,  
and let him give his time where it  
is more needed."

"New Bethel wants my services  
for half my time." That is right  
brethren. You will prosper under  
such an arrangement.

We trust many more of our  
churches follow her example.  
Which will be the next? The  
membership of Caney Creek is so  
scattered they can't have a Sunday  
School. Perhaps then they could  
have two or three. Have a Sun-  
day School brethren if you are  
compelled to have it in a school  
house or even in your own house.

Why did not New Bethel and Caney  
Creek contribute to Minister-  
ial education through our Board?  
We want to know and report at  
the next Convention how much  
each church in Louisiana contrib-  
utes to each of the objects of our  
Convention. This we can do if  
the churches will contribute  
through our Board. They would  
better always send it up to our  
treasurer and let it go to its des-  
tination through him, but if it is  
given directly to the object, let  
them get receipts and send to our  
treasurer.

Yes, churches need only to be re-  
minded of their duty. We believe  
in the churches. Let them be in-  
formed and we believe they will  
help, not always as much as they  
ought, perhaps, but our Lord has  
some in every church who are will-  
ing to contribute to the spread of  
His glorious Gospel.

Brother pastors, see to it that  
it is not your fault if they do not  
come up to the help of the Lord  
against the mighty.

Some time since Miss Lillian  
White presented the Baptist church  
at Shreveport with a beautiful  
silver water service for the public.  
She has thus given more than one  
cup of cold water to this disciple  
for which he is grateful. But this  
is not all we have to be thankful  
for. Last week Mrs. Ed. Jacobs  
presented to the church the hand-  
some silver communion services  
we have ever seen.

Her excellent husband, one of  
our most prominent bankers and  
public-spirited citizens, purchased  
it while on a trip to New York  
recently and not only displayed  
fine taste in its selection but had  
it put up in a strong and beautiful  
silk-lined case.

Our church passed most unani-  
mously a vote of thanks to these  
excellent ladies. The pastor feels  
he bears such relations to them.  
The ladies of the church are now  
working for a pipe-organ, and they  
will have it soon.

The brethren have been putting  
the paragon in good repair,  
and doing many other things to  
make the pastor and his family  
comfortable and happy.

UNDERVALUED RECRUITS.

It has been often remarked that  
the negroes have a natural dispo-  
sition to be Baptists. This has been  
accounted for in various ways by  
non-Baptists, but the true secret,  
we believe, has not been generally  
guessed.

Two things commend the Ba-  
ptist view of religion to the common  
people; first, it is the plain, Scrip-  
tural view, the view that appears  
on the face of revelation, and, sec-  
ond, it is a simple form of worship.  
We remember that during the war  
a certain eminent Confederate of-  
ficer accounted for the fact under-  
lying the negroes, being ignorant, like a religion of  
ceremony. "Why, then, are they  
not Episcopalians and Catholics,"  
we inquired, but received no satis-  
factory answer.

The common people heard Jesus  
gladly, and the same class follow  
his teaching now, and for the same  
reasons. It requires no little  
thought and ingenuity to find a  
way around the plain teaching of  
the Scriptures; in other words, to  
seem to obey Christ and yet not  
do it. It is too much for the aver-  
age negro.

Again, the negro is deeply emo-  
tional and reverent in worship.  
We never knew an infidel among  
them. They profoundly reverence  
the Bible, and instinctively feel that  
when God speaks men ought to  
obey. There is much of God and  
much of heart in New Testament  
religion. The Acts present many  
touching scenes. The negro has  
heart, a deep and worshipping na-  
ture, which expands itself in sim-  
ple forms. He is, being converted,  
a natural Baptist. It is well known  
to our readers that in the up-  
country the negroes are generally of  
our persuasion; but it is not so well  
understood that since the war in  
Catholic Louisiana they have come  
to us by the thousands. To ap-  
preciate the case fully it should  
be remembered that in all  
South Louisiana the masters  
were Catholics and had churches  
on their plantations. The negroes  
knew nothing of any other religion.  
Now it is marvelous that the over-  
whelming majority of them have  
broken away from their old teach-  
ing, and are now Baptist and  
Methodist, mainly the former.

There are some forty churches in  
New Orleans and throughout all  
South Louisiana there are uncount-  
ed thousands of colored Baptists.  
Of course many of them have very  
imperfect views of doctrine, but  
they have cast off from Catholicism  
to return no more. And they are  
improving in faith and prac-  
tice.

We are apt to underrate this great  
army of recruits to our ranks in  
the lower Mississippi Valley, be-  
cause they are negroes and ignor-  
ant. For one, we indulge in no  
rose colored views of the fu-  
ture of the negro race. That they  
are to remain subordinate in many  
ways to the whites, we fully be-  
lieve; but still, in their way, they  
will make a tremendous force in  
working out religious, political and  
social problems of this country.  
Let us just now look at the social  
question as it is affected by the  
sale of whisky. Nearly every  
where the negroes have the bal-  
ance of power, and it must be said  
that they too often throw it on the  
wrong side. But they may be in-  
fluenced through their churches,  
and in many cases have been to  
the overthrow of the traffic in  
whisky and morals. It is our fault  
that this has not happened oftener.  
With the Catholics so generally  
wrong on the whisky question,  
what else we hope for if the col-  
ored people belonged to that  
sect?

Practically it would seem that  
it matters not to what church a  
man belonged. But the following  
clipping from the Times Democrat  
shows us another side of the ques-  
tion:

The Encyclical issued by the Pope  
last Sunday, the first day of the cur-  
rent month, covering thirty-eight pages of closely  
printed Latin type, is a political  
document of the first importance, since  
the occupation of the city of Rome by the Ital-  
ians.

The present Encyclical is full of doctrine  
on the subject of political control. It says:  
"The participation of the people in the gov-  
ernment of States should not be blamed but  
encouraged."  
\* \* \* We thus proclaim freely  
and openly the truth, not with any  
ulterior design of profit, for in the actual po-  
litical situation, but because we wish to see  
public affairs follow less perilous channels  
and repose on a more solid basis. \* \* \*  
We exhort all Catholics who would devote care-  
ful attention to public matters to take an  
active part in all municipal affairs and  
elections, and to further the principles of the  
Church in public services, meetings, and  
gatherings. All Catholics must make them-  
selves felt as active elements in  
daily political life in the coun-  
tries where they live. They must pen-  
etrate wherever possible in the administra-  
tion of civil affairs; they must constantly en-  
force the utmost vigilance and energy to pre-  
vent the usage of liberty from going beyond  
the limits fixed by God's law. All Catholics  
should do all in their power to cause the  
constitution and legislation of States to be  
modeled in the principles of the true church.  
All Catholic writers and journalists should  
never lose view for an instant the above  
prelections."

Taken all in all, this is the most remark-  
able Encyclical of the generation. It is  
doubly remarkable when we re-  
member that it was written by a

almost the entire patrimony of the church,  
held by the most sacred and ancient titles,  
has been torn from her within a few years  
by the secular power of the kingdom.

Explanation is unnecessary. It  
is the old doctrine of political con-  
trol in the interest of Catholicism  
reaffirmed in these later times. In  
view of the war, not simply to  
come, but now going on in every  
municipality and State where  
Catholics have sufficient numbers  
to hope for anything, who will not  
say that the defection of the ne-  
groes from the ranks of the Pope's  
missions is a most important event.  
It means American policies for  
Americans, and the subordination  
of Catholics to a purer and broader  
rule.

Religiously, this movement of  
the African population toward the  
Bible has in it much beyond the  
salvation of these people. It  
means the prostration of Catholic-  
ism in all the country places of the  
lower valley. Negroes are a liberal  
people to their religion, and with  
the perfect system of Catho-  
licism for gathering money, vast  
sums would have flowed into the  
Pope's treasury from the negroes  
had they remained Catholics. The  
loss of change is plainly visible  
over large districts of country.  
The priests, no longer able to gar-  
ner a support, have forsaken their  
churches. Even in many towns the  
decline of Catholicism is marked;  
churches remain unfinished;  
schools abandoned and the country  
left open to the religion of the  
Bible.

This state of things suggests  
two thoughts. First, one of pro-  
found gratitude to God for deliv-  
erance in this strange way. In free-  
ing the negro, he is using him to  
free our land from a bondage more  
despotic to our highest good than  
Egyptian slavery. Second, how  
deeply solicitous should we be for  
the intellectual and spiritual ad-  
vancement of these people. We  
are profoundly convinced that the  
Southern white Baptists have such  
an opportunity now at hand for  
doing mightily for the advance-  
ment of morality, civilization and  
a pure religion as never came to  
any people before.

We ought to lay hold on these  
people, make genuine fellowship  
with them, and in helping them,  
help ourselves with them to a bet-  
ter future. Where are the men  
who are wise to know what Israel  
ought to do?

KIND WORDS.—We notice, with  
pleasure, the prominence given to  
missions, in this excellent Sunday-  
school paper of our Convention.  
It gives a picture of our mission-  
aries and of mission scenes, besides  
publishing many interesting letters  
from our missionaries, and a gen-  
eral mission summary once a  
month. In addition it gives valu-  
able articles in practical work in  
the Sunday-school, and teacher-  
o-texts. We notice that its lessons  
are admirably adapted to the dif-  
ferent grades of scholars in our  
Sunday-schools; and that the price  
of the other is reduced, and the  
reading matter always good; we  
think it greatly to the advantage  
of our schools to subscribe for it.  
See the advertisement in another  
column.

Mr. R. W. Brown, a student of  
Mississippi College, died at the  
Harper House on Tuesday last.  
His relatives were summoned from  
their distant home several days  
ago. They, with the landlady, the  
faculty, big fatherly-hearted  
President Webb, and our skillful  
Dr. W. E. Todd and others, did  
all that kindness, friendship or  
skill could dictate, but the silver  
cord was loosed and the golden  
bowl broken. We sympathize  
deeply with the afflicted parents,  
brothers and sisters for we have  
known the bitterness of having  
loved ones die away from home.  
We sympathize with these who  
watched by him and min-  
istered to him, for we too have  
watched in unavailing anxiety by  
the death beds of friends and  
strangers. May this dispensation  
of Providence touch all our hearts  
and make us more faithful and ten-  
der and loving towards the living.

We have received a card which  
reads thus: "Please send my paper  
to Hillsdale, Marion county,  
Miss., but no name is signed, and  
we do not know who to send the  
paper to. Can anyone help us out  
of this quandary? While we are  
on this subject of the transfer of names  
from one post-office to another per-  
mit us to ask as a special favor  
that all who order papers changed  
will give the former post-office, as  
well as the one to which the paper  
is to be addressed.

The Baltimore Baptist a seven  
column paper, and one of the  
brightest of our exchanges is a  
dollar paper. The editors announce  
while the paper pays the printers  
the editors get nothing for  
their work. That means un-  
less there is a decided change  
sooner or later, the paper must  
fail, for men cannot work for noth-  
ing unless they are rich. We are  
sometimes asked why we do not  
put THE RECORD down. Our  
answer is, we did not start THE  
RECORD to fail, and we cannot work  
for nothing. THE RECORD is worth  
\$2.00.

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MOTTO:—A CONTRIBUTION FROM EVERY  
MEMBER OF EVERY CHURCH TO EVERY  
OBJECT FOSTERED BY THE CONVENTION.

DIRECTIONS.

Send all contributions for State, Foreign  
and Home Missions, Mississippi College,  
Ministerial Education, and Support of  
Aged Ministers, to B. W. GRIFFITH, Jack-  
son, Miss., who will return receipt. The  
Capital State Bank has kindly consented to  
disburse funds to all leading points free of  
charge.

All communications touching the busi-  
ness of the Board should be addressed to  
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HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. Tichenor, Secretary of the  
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.,  
writes: "This Board is now in  
great need of funds. Its treasury  
is largely over-drawn, and it has  
\$700 of obligations falling due  
January 1. We must have \$10,000  
by that date, and Mississippi to  
send us \$500 of that amount. This  
is a small sum for the churches of  
your State. May we not confident-  
ly rely on your people to furnish  
it? Will you not help us in this  
our great need, to secure it?"  
This needs no words from us.  
If the churches will only go  
about taking collections, it will be  
done.

TOO WELL PLEASED.

A thoughtful and interested  
brother recently said to the Secre-  
tary: "I am afraid that the people  
will be so well pleased with the  
plan that they will just settle down  
and take their ease, thinking that  
it will turn out well." Shall it be  
so, brethren? The time for action  
is here, and if pastors do not begin  
their work, serious embarrassment  
must result. We must depend on  
the pastors. If they fail, the cause  
must suffer. The work is far too  
great for one or two men to do it.  
A collection from every church  
before Christmas, is urgently de-  
manded.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

These will be held all over the  
country. They should be utilized  
to lay out and press forward the  
work. We hope to hear good ac-  
counts from all of them. Why  
not lay off the work so as to secure  
collections in all the churches?  
AT WORK.

Elier A. A. Lomax is at work  
raising the mission collections.  
He hopes to secure the apporportion-  
ments from all his churches pretty  
soon, and that is what he is urging  
on the Strong River Association.  
Now is the time to do it. Clinton  
church accepted its apportionment  
of \$700, and we believe will do  
more. Mt. Pegah, Central Associa-  
tion, was asked to give \$75. Last  
Sunday it raised \$100. We hear of  
several other churches going over  
what they were asked to do,  
which is perfectly right when it is  
possible to do it. All the pastors  
in the Cary Association will take  
collections before the year goes  
out. Good word comes from many  
quarters.

A WORD WITH PASTORS.

Formerly, the money needed to  
carry on the benevolent opera-  
tions of the denomination was  
collected mainly by a few  
agents. The work has outgrown  
the best efforts of a few men to  
supply the needed money. Necessa-  
rily the labor of collecting is  
thrown on you. And on whom  
more appropriately should it fall?  
You are the heaven-appointed  
teachers, exemplars and leaders  
of the people. You are with them  
often, and have the opportunity  
of inculcating the Bible doctrine  
of giving. Your opportunities  
for doing them good by inducing  
them to give are many. The con-  
vention at its last session deter-  
mined to so change our plan of  
work that largely it would lie  
on the pastors to carry on the work.  
This, then, is the true state of the  
case: if you fail, to that extent the  
cause will fail. The Board asks  
for quarterly collections from all  
the churches. Give one quarter  
to State missions, one to Missis-  
sippi College and Ministerial educa-  
tion







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